

REMARKS

Claims 3, 6, and 9-12 have been amended and claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13-17, and 19 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of subject matter contained therein. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of canceled claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13-17, and 19.

Support for the amendments to claim 10 can be found throughout the specification as filed, for example, in original claim 3. Support for the amendments to claim 11 can be found throughout the specification as filed, for example, in original claim 6. Support for the amendments to claim 12 can be found throughout the specification as filed, for example, in original claims 9, 10 and 12. No new matter has been added. Claims 3, 6, 9-12, 18, and 20-24 are presented for further examination.

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicants hereby elect Group III, namely, claims 3, 10, 18 and 20-24. This election is made with partial traverse.

The restriction requirement is partially traversed insofar as it seeks to separate claims 6 and 9 from claim 3, or to separate claims 11 and 12 from claim 10. Claims 6 and 9 fall within the scope of claim 3, differing only in that they more specifically define the substituent R_{1b} in formula (3) of claim 3. Similarly, claims 11 and 12 fall within the scope claim 10, again differing only in that they more particularly define the substituent R_{1b} of formula (10) of claim 10. To clarify this fact, claims 6 and 9 have been amended to depend from claim 3, and claims 11 and 12 have been amended to depend from claim 10. Applicants therefore respectfully request that amended claims 6, 9, 11, and 12 be rejoined with elected Group III on the grounds that claims 6, 9, 11, and 12 fall within the scope of elected claims 3 and 10, respectively, and thus belong with claims 3, 10, 18 and 20-24 in Group III.

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

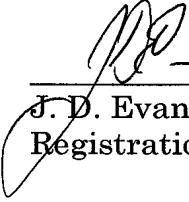
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If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the examination of the application

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 038788.58117US).

Respectfully submitted,

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